



**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**

**W. P. (C) No. 1331 of 2007**

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| Petitioners/<br>Accused  | 1. Rajendra Prasad Panda, S/o Neelkanth, Age -59, R/o Qtr. No. 944/1 RTC Rly. Colony, Bilaspur (CG), P.S. Tarbahar. |
|                          | 2. Kamal Mahananda, S/o Bhim, Age-37, R/o Qtr. No. 999/3, Railway Colony, Maila Gadda, Bilaspur, P.S. Torva.        |
|                          | Versus                                                                                                              |
| Respondent/<br>Applicant | State of Chhattisgarh, Through District Magistrate, Bilaspur (CG)                                                   |

**WRIT PETITION UNDER ARTICLES 227 OF THE  
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA**

**SB: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Satish K. Agnihotri**

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*Shri Raja Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.*

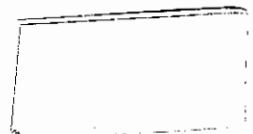
*Shri Utkarsh Verma, Deputy Govt. Advocate for the respondent.*

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**ORDER**

(Passed on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007)

1. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the charge sheet against the petitioners was filed, for the offences punishable under sections 409, 468, 471 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, way back on 7.7.1997 in the Court of the then Judicial Magistrate First Class, Bilaspur in Criminal Case No. 367/2000, which is now pending as Criminal Case No. 212/2007 (State of Chhattisgarh Vs. Rajendra Prasad Panda & another) in the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bilaspur.
2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the matter has been pending for the last about 10 years. The petitioner is likely to be retired on attaining the age of superannuation in the month of December, 2006 therefore the trial Court be directed to expedite the trial and conclude it within stipulated period.



3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent fairly concedes that a direction for expeditious disposal, is necessary, in the interest of justice.
4. In view of the foregoing, the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bilaspur is directed to take all possible steps for expeditious trial of the Criminal Case No. 212/2007 (old Criminal Case No. 367/2000), (State of Chhattisgarh Vs. Rajendra Prasad Panda & another) and conclude the same within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.
5. In view of the above direction, this petition stands disposed of. No order as to costs.

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Sd/-  
Satish K. Agnihotri  
Judge